

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are currently pending. No claims are allowed. Claims 11-12 have been withdrawn without prejudice.

Election/Restriction

In the Office Action, the Examiner required a restriction between the following group of claims:

I. Group I, Claims 1-10, drawn to a high speed laser micrometer, classified in class 356, subclass 638

II. Group II, Claims 11-12, drawn to an apparatus for emitting linear, planar sheet of light, classified in class 359, subclass 738.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-10. The claims in Group II have been withdrawn without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims in Group II in a divisional application.

Summary

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

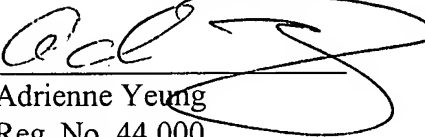
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below for an interview to expedite the prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1698.

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